The Apocalypse ends when Lucifer stops participating: Michael is furious and angry and betrayed when he discovers this latest betrayal of Lucifer's, but quietly, quietly he tells Raphael in Heaven that he is relieved. Raphael shakes his head to hear it, but slowly scales back the searches for Lucifer, for Gabriel and for Castiel.

The Horsemen are banished at Gabriel's request, returned to their states as forces that do not act in a human reference of time.

Castiel remains human, almost entirely human, and he remains with Dean and Sam Winchester.

Crowley, with Lucifer's permission, assumes rule over Hell and its demons, as there is nothing there for Lucifer now, and that fallen kingdom of twisted humanity needs a ruler who understands keeping his nose out of business that is too big for him. (Merihim is left untouched, unbothered as he drifts in and out of sanity. Lucifer visits, but he keeps his distance when they meet.)

Humanity goes on, and Heaven with it.

And Gabriel shows Lucifer the Earth, and humanity and with the help of favors called in they discover a way to preserve Nick's form as a vessel without the strain, and Nick is released to die, as he should have years ago. They walk the Earth instead of flying over it, and so there are ages yet before Lucifer will have seen it all. (They spend time apart, and Gabriel visits Heaven one bright morning, but the distances soon close between them.)

Lucifer, in his quiet moments, looks up at the stars and whispers prayers without words, wondering at all that has happened, and wondering if he will be called to fight again, or if God will have a purpose for him once again.

He wonders, and prays silently, and never receives an answer from God. Instead Gabriel breaks the silence or arrives or touches him and that?

That is answer enough.